



## Cities, Towns to Benefit

The Iowa Highway Commission's decision to liberalize state assistance in the cost of construction or reconstruction of primary highway extensions in urban areas provides almost immediate benefits to Waterloo and Cedar Falls of nearly \$1 million.



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But cities and towns throughout the state will ultimately be relieved of considerable expenditures under the policy. One reason is that the last session of the General Assembly raised the limit that the Highway Commission may spend on primary extensions from 30 to 35 per cent of available road use tax funds.

Under the former Highway Commission policy that cities and towns were required to purchase right-of-way for primary extensions the Commission seldom expended anywhere near the legal limit. Under the new plan the state will purchase right-of-way and participate to some degree in the cost of signalization.

## 'Your Highway Taxes at Work'

A pavement cut extending clear across the street that borders Highway Commission facilities in Ames has been temporarily filled with crushed rock and the city has apparently been slow in making a permanent repair. The result is a very rough crossing. This prompted some neighborhood wag to erect a sign, crudely painted on a rough board, which says: "Your Highway Taxes at Work."

## Billfold Went for a Ride

Jim Lahr, Shell Rock auto mechanic, discovered his billfold missing after working under the hood of a car owned by an insurance adjuster, Dennis Messerschmidt, also of Shell Rock. After the car was repaired, Messerschmidt drove to Charles City and spent the day driving around country roads in that area assessing storm damage. After he returned to Shell Rock that night Lahr's billfold was found still resting on the engine, dusty but intact.

## Cat Story in Oelwein

M. H. Nicol of the Oelwein Register, tells me that a storm story about a missing cat that was later found under the hood of a pickup truck was substantially correct but that it happened in Oelwein, not Charles City. He says the cat was the property of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bantz and disappeared when the tornado wrecked the Bantz home. It was found the following day under the hood of a pickup truck owned by a Bantz neighbor, Dewey Miehe.

## Admiral Doubts Lost Sub Located

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The Navy reported Friday locating what it described as a metallic shaped object the size of a submarine off Virginia, but a top admiral said chances were "almost nil" that it may be the USS Scorpion.

Vice Admiral Arnold F. Schade, commander of the over-all search for the missing nuclear sub Scorpion and its crew of 99, said the vast sea hunt which has now been going on four full days has turned up nothing significant.

### Divers Searching

The metallic object was detected about 70 miles from Cape Henry, Va., and Navy divers are trying to find it.

"It is not one of the registered and known hulls," Schade said.

The object is resting at about 180 feet deep water on a bearing of 065 degrees from Cape Henry.

Asked what he thought the chances were this could be the Scorpion, Schade said:

### Chances Almost Nil

"I think it is almost nil because if it was the Scorpion, at that depth I'm sure we would have heard something. He would have been able to indicate his presence."

The object was described as about 250 feet long and 45 feet high. The Scorpion is 232 feet long.

### Brandywine

At the same time the admiral disclosed that the code name of the Scorpion was "Brandywine," and he said a check of the Atlantic area showed there were at least eight pleasure boats or fishing craft using that same name operating there.

This, he indicated, suggested the Navy thinks the mysterious voice broadcast Wednesday night, using the name Brandywine, may have come from one of those non-military vessels.

Schade said the coast guard is trying to locate those vessels to determine if they have sent a message.

### Prank Calls

While doggedly keeping up the hunt for the lost ship, officers at Atlantic Fleet headquarters reported crank calls were being placed to the Scorpion's crew. The callers pose as Navy officers and give the families false information on the conditions of their loved ones, they said.

Some 60 of the Scorpion's men had families in the Norfolk area.



CARRYING HIS FRIEND FROM BATTLE—A young South Vietnamese soldier carries his fatally wounded buddy from the scene of street fighting in the central market of the

Cholon sector of Saigon Friday. Armed bands of Viet Cong infiltrated the area and when fighting broke out in an area of ten city blocks, thousands of civilians fled in panic.

## Paris Negotiators Clash; No Progress

PARIS (AP) — U.S. and North Vietnamese negotiators clashed Friday over ways of de-escalating the war in Vietnam but failed again to make any progress toward breaking their deadlock.

North Vietnamese Ambassador Xuan Thuy rejected all U.S. proposals for joint action to curb the conflict. He said the United States is the "aggressor" in Vietnam and must end the bombing and other military operations against the North without reciprocity.

U.S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman made a new appeal to Thuy to take a different tack and told him President Johnson is prepared "to go far and fast" in a common search for peace.

The meeting lasted three hours and 45 minutes and ended with an agreement to meet again next Wednesday.

### Public Opinion

Harriman, returning to the U.S. Embassy after the session, said he felt "public opinion in the world will be brought to bear so that we can bring about a de-escalation of the war, as President Johnson said, and the laying of a sound foundation for peace in Southeast Asia."

Harriman reported that Thuy used about two-thirds of the time of the session and he used about one-third. Each speech goes through two consecutive translations, involving either English or Vietnamese and French.

### Says Viet Position Clear

Thuy told Harriman: "Our position is clear as day. The United States is carrying out a war of aggression against our fatherland in both the North and South zones."

"Our people in the two zones must tighten their union for the struggle against American aggression and to save the fatherland. If the United States wants peace, let it halt its aggression and peace will return immediately."

"If the United States contin-

ues its war we will continue our resistance until total victory.

"By ending its aggression, the United States can clear its honor of the stains caused by the unjust war of aggression in Vietnam."

## Reds Press On 2 Sides Of Saigon

SAIGON (AP) — Viet Cong troops pressed hard on two sides of Saigon Friday in a new outburst of fighting in the capital.

## High Red Defector Links Attacks to Paris Talks

SAIGON (AP) — The second highest ranking Viet Cong ever to defect told a news conference Friday the enemy would keep up his attacks on South Vietnam's cities to improve North Vietnam's negotiating hand at the Paris talks.

Col. Phan Mau, 38, defected May 7 after his regiment got orders to fight in the second offensive this year against Saigon.

He said the current Communist strategy "consists of a very long schedule composed of many offensives... all aimed at supporting the talks being held in Paris."

"The presence of North Vietnamese troops in the South is clear to everyone," he said. But the denial of that at the Paris talks "has disadvantages."

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"It creates disbelief among the rank and file of the Viet Cong and among the population of the North. They ask themselves if other things the party says are true or not."

Mau said the Viet Cong would continue to shell the cities of South Vietnam "to show their presence and to show the world that they are still strong."

### Lack of Responsibility

"But the practical results show a total lack of responsibility. It just harms the civilian population and shows that they have failed," he said.

Before the Tet offensive against Saigon and 35 other populated centers in February, Mau said, most rank and file Viet Cong troops believed the people would rise up to support them.

"After the offensive we didn't believe that any more," he said. "We didn't have the support of the population, and the allied forces were stronger."

Mau said he decided to defect because he felt his ambitions were not being fulfilled, he had disagreements with his superiors and he found the Communist dogma deceptive.

## French Strikes Weaken After De Gaulle Acts

## New Govt. Headed by Pompidou

PARIS (AP) — The great French strike wave seemed to be receding Friday under the countermeasures of President Charles de Gaulle. The chief of state, following up his dissolution of the National Assembly, named a new government with Georges Pompidou back as premier.

Reports of a back-to-work movement flowed in from all parts of the country except the Riviera. These covered mostly small plants or partial resumption of activity in other fields.

However, Automobiles Peugeot S.A., announced it will resume work next Tuesday at all its plants in the Paris area, Mulhouse and Vesoul.

### Movement Toward Normalcy

Other big key industries showed no signs of a break, but the solidarity of the strikers had been broken and the movement was toward normalcy. Union leaders said they were ready to reopen talks on wage hikes for still idle millions.

Military units which had been on maneuvers returned to their bases and were reported on alert status.

The 2nd Armored Brigade, a tank outfit of about 2,000 soldiers, re-established itself in barracks on the west side of Paris. About 30 armored cars showed up at a mobile gendarmerie camp near Versailles, 11 miles southwest of Paris.

### Army Movements

Skirting Paris, an army regiment marched back to its quarters at Pontoise, 18 miles northwest of the capital. The 501st Tank Regiment and a naval artillery regiment returned to their base at Rambouillet, 28 miles southwest of Paris.

In the Cabinet shift, Maurice Couve de Murville became minister of finance and economic affairs. Michel Debre, outgoing finance minister, succeeded Couve de Murville as foreign minister.

Pierre Messmer was returned as defense minister and former Premier Edgar Faure remains as minister of agriculture.

There were five notable

changes. Christian Fouchet, interior minister was dropped. So were Louis Joxe, justice minister; Georges Gorse, minister of information; and Francois Missotte, minister for sports and youth affairs. Alain Peyrefitte, education minister resigned last week.

### Elections June 23

The first round of elections for a new National Assembly was set for June 23.

Rene Capitant, a left-wing Gaullist who criticized Pompidou and said he would vote against the government in the

censure vote last week, was named justice minister. At the last minute, Capitant had resigned his seat as a deputy and did not vote the censure motion, which the government survived with an 11-vote margin.

Raymond Marcellin, an independent Republican who has been minister for economic planning, was named interior minister with control over the police.

Couve de Murville had been foreign minister since De Gaulle returned to power 10 years ago—an all-time record for one man in the job. Debre had been finance minister since January 1968. Couve de Murville was an inspector of finance before he moved into diplomacy.

Andre Malraux, an old De Gaulle confidant and one of France's most eminent writers and art historians, continues as minister of state for cultural affairs.

Maurice Schumann, who has been minister of state for scientific research and atomic and space affairs, was appointed minister of state for social affairs.

There are 23 ministers, including Pompidou, and six secretaries of state in the new Cabinet list. The outgoing Cabinet

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### GENERAL DIES

LONDON (AP) — Maj. Gen. Sir Stewart Menzies, 78, who led Britain's secret intelligence service during and after World War II, died Thursday. He was named head of the service known as MI6 in 1939 and worked throughout the war in close cooperation with Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

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## Survives Night-Long Attack by 500 Reds

## Charlie Company Holds Ground

DAK TO, South Vietnam (AP) — "Yeah, I know where Charlie Company is," said the grimy soldier. He jerked a thumb toward a scarred elevated clearing. "It's on top of that hill... what's left of it."

Charlie Company was there, 53 men. Around them lay the bodies of 102 North Vietnamese.

The savage assault of the hill here in the central highlands near the Laotian border began at sundown Saturday. When the bitter, often hand-to-hand, fighting ended Sunday morning, the hilltop was strewn with dead North Vietnamese and stained with the blood of many Americans.

Lt. Thurman Pike of Raleigh, N.C., recalled the long night as the company from the 4th Infantry Division held off an estimated 500 enemy soldiers.

"We had the slope over there," he said. "Two of my forward bunkers took nine direct hits each with rockets. They (the enemy) took the first bunkers, then came up the trenches toward our bunker. They were coming in one door as I was going out the other."

### Blast Wire

The North Vietnamese used sapper teams to blast through the encircling barbed wire and claymore mines on the forward

slope. Then they dug trenches up to a small shell of land below the bunkers, and from there they fired the rockets.

One rocket scored a direct hit on a machine gun in the forward bunker, killing two GIs and injuring everyone else in the bunker.

### Took Five Bunkers

When the enemy had seized five bunkers, 1st Sgt. Melvin Hewitt of Portland, Ore., helped lead a countercharge. As he crouched in a trench crowded with other men, an enemy grenade landed in his lap.

"There were a lot of other guys around," Hewitt said. "I

dropped the grenade and jumped on it with both feet and it went off."

### Feet Shattered

Hewitt is in a hospital with both his feet shattered.

Lt. Pike said the enemy assault group "got to bunker nine but couldn't move beyond because there weren't any more connecting trenches. Every time one would pop his head up we'd zap him."

"We had to call the artillery right in on those bunkers, but by morning there were still about five of them in there."

Two North Vietnamese were killed when a GI rigged an explosive to a five-gallon can of

gasoline and pitched it inside the bunker.

Another youth from New York explained: "He's from the block, you know. You learn stuff like that on the block."

Many survivors felt special grief for a young trooper who had one narrow escape before he was killed.

"The guy had been on a patrol over on that ridge," Pike said, "and was caught in an ambush with seven other guys. He had to call in air strikes right on his position to keep the enemy back. When he got out he told us he had just celebrated his 18th birthday but he felt 105."

"Now he gets shot up here. Makes you wonder sometimes."



THEY'RE WITH DE GAULLE—A demonstrator holds a portrait of French President Charles de Gaulle above the heads of Finance Minister Michel Debre, left foreground, and

Cultural Affairs Minister Andre Malraux, right, as they join a pro-De Gaulle march on the Champs Elysees in Paris, Thursday.